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## **VIA EFILING**

Honorable Esther Salas, U.S.D.J. United States District Court of New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Building & U.S. Courthouse 50 Walnut Street Newark, New Jersey 07101

Re: Ronald L. Tobia v. Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company

Civil Action No. 2:21-cv-11692 (ES) (CLW)

Your Honor:

This law firm represents Defendant Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company (incorrectly named herein as Cigna Life and Health Insurance Company and hereinafter referred to as "Cigna") in the above-referenced matter. We write respectfully to request an extension of Cigna's time to answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint.

Cigna's response was due June 14, 2021. Cigna requests that the deadline for their time to answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint be extended through and including July 25, 2021. This is Cigna's first request for an extension of time following removal of the action. My office has communicated with Othiamba Lovelace, Esq., counsel for Plaintiff Ronald L. Tobia, who has kindly consented to the extension now being requested.

We thank the Court for its attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to have the Court's staff contact me with any questions or if we may be of any service to the Court whatsoever.

Respectfully submitted,

SO ORDERED.

<u>s/Debra A. Clifford</u> Debra A. Clifford

/s/Esther Salas

Hon. Esther Salas, U.S.D.J.

**Date:** July 2, 2021

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## AGREED AND CONSENTED TO BY:

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IT IS SO ORDERED on this $\_$	day of July 2021.
Honorable Esther Salas, U.S.D	J.